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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

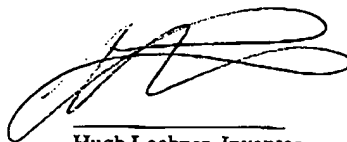
Claim 1 remains in this application. Claims 2, 3, and 4 have been cancelled. Claims 5, 6, and 7 have been added.

My remarks and arguments in support of this application were made in my response of Feb 2, 2002. I believe that those arguments present correct, cogent, and sufficient reasons to allow the application.

I point out that the new claims 5, 6, and 7 are worded slightly differently than in my response of Feb 2, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the specification:**

FIG 2 shows how the components of the pulley system are disposed relative to each other and the path that tape 2 follows. Tape 2 passes over top assembly top roller 3, under bottom assembly bottom roller 7, over top assembly middle roller 4, under bottom assembly top roller 8 6, over top assembly bottom roller 6 5, and finally is attached to the top of bottom block assembly 9. From FIG 2 it can be seen that the rollers comprising each block assemblies are of different diameters. This permits the multiple plies of tape to avoid touching. This configuration reduces friction when the tape is being extended or retracted. FIG. 3 shows how the components are disposed internally to post 10.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) An extendible guidance tape crowd control stanchion comprising (a) a base, (b) a post attached to said base, (c) a fixed top block assembly attached to said post, said top block assembly comprising a plurality of rollers, (b d) a movable bottom block assembly contained within said post, said bottom block assembly comprising a plurality of rollers and a weight, (d e) an extendible and retractable guidance tape laced between said top block assembly and said bottom block assembly, said guidance tape comprising a tape and means for attaching said tape.

Claims 2, 3, and 4 have been cancelled.

Claims 5, 6, and 7 have been added.

5. (New) An extendible guidance tape crowd control stanchion comprising (a) a base (b) a post attached to said base, (c) an extendible guidance tape contained within said post, said guidance tape comprising (d) a tape, (e) gravity means to retract said tape, and (f) means to brake the retraction of said guidance tape by piston means.

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6. (New) An extendible guidance tape crowd control stanchion according to claim 5 where said piston means of slowing the retraction of said guidance tape comprises a membrane attached to said weight means.

7. (New) An extendible guidance tape crowd control stanchion comprising (a) a base, (b) a post attached to said base, (c) a fixed top block assembly attached to said post, said top block assembly comprising a plurality of rollers, (d) a movable bottom block assembly contained with said post, said bottom block assembly comprising a plurality of rollers and a weight (e) an extendible and retractable guidance tape laced between said top block assembly and said bottom block assembly, said guidance tape comprising a tape and means for attaching said tape, and, (f) means for braking the retraction of said extendible and retractable guidance tape by piston means.